

CLAIMS

[1] A packaged beverage with a green tea extract mixed therein, comprising the following ingredients (A), (B) and (C) :

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,
(B) oxalic acid or a salt thereof, and
(C) caffeine,
wherein a content weight ratio [(B) / (A)] of said oxalic acid or salt thereof (B) to said non-polymer catechins (A) is from 0.00005 to 0.1, and a content weight ratio [(A) / (C)] of said non-polymer catechins (A) to said caffeine (C) is from 5 to 10000.

[2] The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising (D) from 0.0001 to 20 wt% of a sweetener.

[3] The packaged beverage according to claim 2, wherein said sweetener (D) is a carbohydrate, artificial sweetener or glycerol.

[4] The packaged beverage according to claim 1, further comprising from 0.0001 to 20 wt%, in terms of equivalent fructose amount, and less than 0.05 wt%, in terms of equivalent glucose amount, of a carbohydrate,

[5] The packaged beverage according to claim 4, wherein said carbohydrate is selected from a monosaccharide, disaccharide, oligosaccharide or conjugated polysaccharide, or a mixture thereof.

[6] The packaged beverage according any one of claims 1-5,

further comprising from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions and from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions.

[7] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-6, which has a pH of from 2 to 5.

[8] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein said green tea extract as a raw material is one obtained by removing caffeine from a concentrate of green tea extract, said concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that a content weight ratio [(A)/(C)] of said non-polymer catechins (A) to said caffeine (C) falls within a range of from 5 to 10000.

[9] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-8, which is filled in a clear container.

[10] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-9, which is a soft drink.

[11] The packaged beverage according to claim 10, which is a carbonated beverage, a beverage with a fruit extract, a juice with a vegetable extract, a near water, or a sports drink.